**Missouri Special Needs Association**

MACS, MSCA, & MSNA Meetings & Sessions will be held at the
Oasis Inn & Convention Center,
2550 N. Glenstone Avenue; Springfield, MO

The Sonoran room will be used as a headquarters for the MACS, MSCA, & MSNA Conference.

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**Monday, July 21**

9:30 a.m.
Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting
University Plaza - Oklahoma Room

12:00 p.m.
MSNA Executive Board Meeting and Stuff Conference Packets
Oasis Inn and Convention Center - Mojave
2550 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 417-522-7722

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Missouri ACTE Exhibits Open
EXPO Center - Hall A & Hall 1 - 635 E. St. Louis Street

**Tuesday, July 22 (Cont.)**

8:00 a.m.
All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings
University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona Room

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Missouri ACTE New Professional Reception
University Plaza Convention Center - Arizona & Georgia Rooms

10:30 a.m.
Missouri ACTE Opening General Session Part 1
EXPO Center - Hall C - 635 E. St. Louis Street
Opening Speaker - Ray McNulty
Box Luncheon
After the Opening Session a Box Lunch is available for all conference attendees – EXPO Center - Hall 1

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
General Session – Part 2
Programs of Study for MACS/MSCA/MSNA
Oasis Hotel - Sahara A & B
Presentation by Paul Mackay and MCCE

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**Tuesday, July 22**

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Missouri ACTE Exhibits Open
EXPO Center - Hall A & Hall 1 - 635 E. St. Louis Street

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Missouri ACTE Conference Registration Open
EXPO Center - Hall A & Hall 1 - 635 E. St. Louis Street

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**Tuesday, July 22 (Cont.)**

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**MACS - Industry Tour - All Missouri ACTE**

**Members Welcome!**

*Meet in Lobby of Oasis Hotel*

*Presenter: Amanda Willard, Human Resources Recruiter*

*Suggested Audience: All Levels MACS*

*Facilitator: Kathy Hueste, Lake Career & Technical Center, Camdenton, MO*

T-Mobile USA is a national provider of wireless voice, messaging, and data services capable of reaching over 268 million Americans where they live, work, and play. The Springfield facility is a new state-of-the-art facility that features an onsite free fitness center, café, arcade, nap area, cyber lounge, and more! They were awarded "The Best Place to Work" by 417 Magazine and readers of the Springfield News-Leader.

Attendees will need to provide their own transportation.

Directions will be provided.

**Floratherapy**

*Oasis Hotel - Sahara A & B*

*Presenter: Kristy Perryman, Assistant Professor, and Paul Blisard, Associate Professor, MSU*

*Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSCA*

*Facilitator: Charlie Holt; MSCA Past President; Secondary Counselor; Bernie High School; Bernie, MO*

A unique expressive arts technique which combines the use of flowers and group processes to facilitate awareness and growth in clients will be demonstrated. Participants will have the opportunity for hands-on learning with this technique with specific recommendations for use with career counseling.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**MACS/MSNA/MSCA/T & I/Special Education Social**

*Oasis Convention Center*

Sponsored by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Divisions of Career Education and Special Education

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**Wednesday, July 23**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*Oasis Convention Center*

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE Late Registration Open**

*University Plaza Lobby*

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Highlights with DESE**

*Oasis Convention Center*

Presenters: John Robbins, Shawn Brice, Kyle Heislen, Marsha Ruettgers, DESE

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**Wednesday, July 23 (Cont.)**

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

**Depression and Cutting: Helping Students Who Deal with Depression through Self-Mutilation**

*Oasis Hotel - Kalahari*

*Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSNA*

*Presenter: Kevin Marcum, MS PLPC-Licensed Therapist at Barceda Families in Bolivar*

*Facilitator: Billie Sharp, Hillyard Technical Center, St. Joseph*

This session is designed to provide a deeper understanding of cutting in hopes of increasing empathy, to increase knowledge about warnings signs, and to discover ways you may be able to help with these students.

**Recruiting and Retaining Nontraditional Students**

*Oasis Hotel - Sahara A*

*Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSNA*

*Presenter: Diana Reynolds, Career Education Coordinator, Region II, Kirksville Area Technical Center, Kirksville, MO*

*Facilitator: Larry Nash, Rolla Technical Institute, Rolla, MO*

The information presented is timely and informative. Topics will include: behaviors of the nonbiased educator, using gender-neutral language, role models, sexual harassment, and a curriculum checklist.

**Secondary 180-Day Follow-Up**

*Oasis Hotel - Mojave*

*Suggested Audience: MACS*

*Presenter: Connie O’Brien, Supervisor, Administration & Accountability Services, DESE*

*Facilitator: Chuck Smith, Excelsior Springs Area Career Center, Excelsior Springs*

This session is for personnel at comprehensive high schools and area career centers that are responsible for conducting 180-day graduate follow-up on secondary students. Connie will cover definitions, updates, and how to collect and report data for Core Data screens 26 and 27. Screen 29 (postsecondary) will not be addressed in this session.

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8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (Cont.)

Career Prep Certificates

Oasis Hotel - Sahara B

Suggested Audience: Secondary/Post Secondary   MSCA
Presenter: Steve Coffman, Director, Employment Training, Jefferson City, MO
Facilitator: Bill Sevier, Counselor, Clyde C. Miller Career Academy

As a result of state legislation, DESE developed guidelines for Missouri’s Career Prep Certificate Program that enables high schools to endorse their graduates for the workplace. The endorsement includes academic components, work readiness components, assessments, and an identifiable guarantee to potential employers that the individual is “ready to work.” Members of a statewide advisory committee, represented by employers; Chambers of Commerce; local workforce service providers; school administrators; post-secondary education; counselors; and students, will share the guidelines for the program. A planning guide, which serves as a framework of communities to design a program, will be provided to attendees. The guide is available electronically at 

Secondary/Post Secondary

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Break

Oasis Hotel Atrium

Sponsored by Sullivan University

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Enrollment Strategies

Oasis Hotel - Sahara A

Suggested Audience: Secondary, MSNA
Presenter: Julie Gronneberg, VRE, Lewis and Clark Career Center, St. Charles; Shelly Steward, Vocational Counselor @ Lamar Area Vocational Technical School, Lamar; Sam DeLane, VRE, Lamar Area Vocational Technical School, Lamar, MO
Facilitator: Cindy Grizzell; Waynesville Technical Academy; Waynesville, MO

Come and hear what a big school and a smaller school are doing to recruit students into the vocational programs. Get pointers on mainstreaming the enrollment process. Let our experiences help you with your enrollment.

11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Lunch

Oasis Convention Center

Sponsored by Ranken Technical College

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12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
MSNA Awards – Oasis Convention Center
MSCA: DESE Update, Room Kalahari
MACS: Business Meeting, Room Sahara B

BREAKOUT SESSION #3

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
“Victim or Victorious?”

Oasis Hotel - Kalahari
Suggested Audience: All levels MSCA
Presenter: Sue Utter, Secondary Counselor, Carl Junction R-1 School, Carl Junction, MO
Facilitator: Marci Dowdy, Secondary Counselor, Glendale High School

All schools have “at risk students” and are looking for practical interventions to deal effectively with this population without enabling them or creating a culture of “victimization or entitlement.” Why can some people overcome adversity and land on their feet, while others are defeated and swallowed up by it? What are some of the contributing factors/characteristics that may help determine the response different individuals will have to the problems and obstacles we face throughout a lifetime? Are there effective ways to intervene and assist those who are or have experienced extreme adversity in their lives? This presentation will address these questions/issues and more while also helping us all recognize that trouble/adversity can also be viewed as an “opportunity in work clothes!” This workshop will make you rethink your view of the “at risk” student population, victimization and coping with adversity. Find out what YOU can do the next time you, a student in your classroom, or someone you know, experiences adversity.

Employer Panel

Oasis Hotel - Mojave
Suggested Audience: All levels (General) MACS
Presenters: TBA
Facilitator: Sharon Bergman, Hannibal Career & Technical Center, Hannibal

Join area employers for a lively discussion regarding entry-level hiring practices and trends, what students/graduates need to be successful in their job search and on the job, and to explore potential concerns and possible solutions. The discussion will include topics such as occupational trends, forecasts, wages, new technologies, the impact of a global economy, and new career fields.

BREAKOUT SESSION #4

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Perkins IV Update

Oasis Hotel - Mojave
Suggested Audience: MACS
Presenter: Don Walker, Director, Administration & Accountability Services, DESE
Facilitator: Shelly Stewart, Lamar Area Vo-Tech, Lamar, MO

Perkins accountability screens used in reporting data will be discontinued June 30, 2008. Perkins data will be collected through the MOSIS system when the core data screens open in June 2008. This session is to provide information on how the system will collect student core data that will be reported to DESE for the first year of Perkins IV.

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2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Cont.)

School-wide Positive Behavior Support

_Oasis Hotel - Sahara A_

Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSCA
Presenters: Lois Jones and Carol Plumley, MSU Regional Consultants SW Regional Professional Development, Springfield, MO
Facilitator: Cindy Collins, Secondary Counselor, Nixa High School

A major advance in school-wide discipline is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environment. Instead of using a patchwork of individual behavioral management plans, a continuum of positive behavior support for all students within a school is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom setting. Positive behavior support is an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities to design effective environments that improve the link between research-validated practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs. Attention is focused on creating and sustaining the primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results (personal, health, social, family, work, recreational) for all children and youth by making problem behavior less effective, efficient, and relevant and desired behavior more functional.

Autism – Did you know?

_Oasis Hotel - Kalahari_

Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSNA
Presenter: Joanie Armstrong, MS.LPC. Associate Director of MSU Project ACCESS
Facilitator: Leah Stein; Moberly Area Technical Center; Moberly, MO

Did you know that about 1 out of 150 children born have Autism Spectrum Disorder? Did you know that males are about four times more likely to be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder than females? Come to this interactive session and find out “Autism IQ”! Basic information about autism will be discussed along with a “Sprinkling” of what Autism is NOT!

Alternative Ways to Earn High School Credit

_Oasis Hotel - Sahara B_

Suggested Audience: Secondary (General) MSNA
Presenters: John Weber, Director of Missouri School Improvement Program at DESE, Shawn Brice, Director of Special Needs, DESE
Facilitator: Sam DeLaney, MSNA President-elect, Lamar Area Vocational Technical Center, Lamar, MO

These are alternative ways to earn high school credit for students. The graduation handbook will be discussed along with all the different ways that students can earn credit. With increased graduation requirements, this is a hot issue in education currently.
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (Cont.)

Transition to Higher Education: Support Services for Students with Disabilities

_Oasis Hotel - Sahara B_

_Suggested Audience: Secondary/Post Secondary MSNA_

_**Keynote Speaker:** Julia M. Edwards, M.S. Assistant Dean of Disability Support Services for Ozark Technical Community College_

_Facilitator: Ron Webster; Northland Career Center; Platte City, MO_

The presentation will highlight transition issues experienced by students with disabilities as they enter post-secondary education. Specific topics will be addressed that will make the transition smoother. Transition is a focus for DESE during this MSIP cycle - you will want to attend!

**Utilizing Advisory Committees**

_Oasis Hotel - Mojave_

_Suggested Audience: Secondary/Post Secondary MACS_

_Presenter: Melissa Eiserer, Career Center Counselor, Carrollton Area Career Center_

_Facilitator: Gwen Crimm; Construction Careers Center; St. Louis, MO_

This presentation will give examples of how to set up a departmental advisory committee and utilize it to help you manage your program/department/school to its best! Handouts and suggestions will be given.

**Missouri Connections: Connecting You to Success**

_Oasis Hotel - Sahara A_

_Suggested Audience: All Levels (General) MSCA_

_Presenter: Renee Bales, Kuder, Inc._

_Facilitator: John Michael, Kuder, Inc._

Are you looking for education and career planning tools to meet your specific needs? We have the solution! “Missouri Connections” powered by Kuder, a comprehensive, online system designed with Missouri students, parents, and educators in mind. Find out how students can layout a pathway to success by learning about their career interests and related education and resources to help them understand the process and review the system with their students. Educators also get the information they need to improve career counseling, curriculum development, and accountability reporting. Join us to learn how “Missouri Connections” is your “connection to success”.

**Legal Update**

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

_Oasis Hotel - Sahara A & B_

_Suggested Audience: All MSNA/MACS_

**Keynote Speaker:** Kris Morrow, Assistant General Counsel, School Law Section, DESE

_Facilitator: Kelly Byrd; Lebanon Technology Career Center; Lebanon, MO_

This presentation will highlight what legal issues have developed that you might want to be aware of.

**Everything You Need to Know and Then Some about MO-Public School Retirement System**

_Oasis Hotel - Kalahari_

_Suggested Audience: All (General) MACS/MSCA/MSNA_

**Keynote Speaker:** Ronda Peterson, The Public School and the Public Education Employees Retirement Systems of Missouri

_Facilitator: Martin Conrad, Jr.; Excelsior Springs Area Career Center; Excelsior Springs, MO_

This presentation will include a general overview of the Missouri Public School Retirement System: When to start thinking about retirement, what you can do to buy back time, Social Security buy back, reduced, and full benefit options.

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### Thursday, July 24 (Cont.)

#### BREAKOUT SESSION #6 (Cont.)

**9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Cont.)**

**MOSIS – What is it? What do you do with it?**  
*Oasis Hotel - Mojave*

- Suggested Audience: All (General) MSNA/MSCA  
- Keynote Speaker: Leigh Ann Grant-Engle, Data Manager for DESE  
- Facilitator: Henry Childs; Manual Career & Technical Center; Kansas City, MO

This presentation will highlight what MOSIS is and what exactly you do with it. The State of Missouri has gone to this type of data collecting. Come find out what it is all about.

#### CAROUSEL #1 – Oasis Convention Center

**9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**

**Missouri’s K-12 Virtual Instructional program (MoVIP)**  
*Presenter: Curt Fuchs, Director, Virtual Schools*

The Missouri Legislature established a state-wide virtual school that started classes in August of 2007. Serving over 2,000 students the first year, this workshop will give an overview of the program including details about the type of students who are being served by MoVIP as well as the operational components of the program.

**Legislative Processes**  
*Presenter: Kelly Byrd, Lebanon Technology Career and Center*

**Embedded Credit – Integrating Math in CTE**  
*Presenter: David Hall*

Embedded Math is a process that provides specialized mathematics for the development of technological careers, (SMDTC), which provides students with mathematical skills necessary to become professional for life.

**Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, and Science METS**  
*Presenter: Lori Mann, Career Education Coordinator, Region III, Missouri Center for Career Education*

**9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

**MoVIP (repeat - see above)**

**Legislative Processes (repeat - see above)**

**Embedded Credit (repeat - see above)**

**Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, and Science METS (repeat - see above)**

**10:15 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.**

**Break**  
*Oasis Convention Center*

**10:25 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Closing Session and Drawing for $100.00**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

**MSNA Board Meeting**  
*Oasis Hotel - Kalahari*

**MACS Board Meeting**  
*Oasis Hotel - Sahara A*

**1:00 p.m.**

**Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting**  
*University Plaza - Colorado Room*